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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER), NZ
SUBJECT: SCENARIOS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

REF: (A) HURWITZ/HEALY TELECON, APRIL 27, 1978,
- (B) WELLINGTON 2060

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THE DEPARTMENT'S NEED TO RECEIVE
ASAP DETAILED SCENARIOS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TO WELLINGTON.

2. HOWEVER, A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DAVID
BIEGING, VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP COORDINATOR, APRIL 27,
REVEALED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS IN THE MIDST OF
PROPOSING SUBSTANTIAL SCHEDULING CHANGES FOR ALMOST THE
ENTIRE WELLINGTON STOP. THESE PROPOSED CHANGES IN
EFFECT PUT US BACK TO SQUARE ONE IN DEVELOPING THE
SCENARIOS. WE ARE TAKING THE PROPOSED CHANGES (WHICH,
INTER ALIA, INCLUDE LATER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES,
THE WREATH LAYING DATE, ALTERED TIME FOR THE CALL ON
THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE PROGRAMMING OF A
SIGHTSEEING/RECREATIONAL EVENT ON THE AFTERNOON OF
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MAY 10) TO THE GNZ AND HAVE REQUESTED ITS REACTION
ASAP.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, WE TRUST THE DEPARTMENT WILL UNDER-
STAND THAT IT IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY
TO PROVIDE SCENARIOS FOR EVENTS WHICH ARE NOT YET
SCHEDULED.

4. EMBASSY WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF GNZ'S REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DO HIS UTMOST TO ACCOMMODATE THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESIRE FOR A LATER DEPARTURE FROM NEW ZEALAND, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, SHIFTING THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (SEE PARA 5 REFTEL B). UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE FOR A MORE THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES WITH THE GNZ, HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THEIR SPECIFIC REACTIONS. (FYI: WE ARE MEETING INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY. END FYI.) SELDEN

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